

Through the Sponsor A Child Program, donors provide hope to Philadelphia's inner-city children by covering the cost of a Gesu education for one child for a year.

A grandfather recently described Gesu School as a **"beacon light"** for his granddaughter. He wants a better future for this 12-year-old than a life like that of her addicted mother who is in and out of jail.

Someone in each Gesu child's family values the quality educational option that Gesu School provides. Sometimes it's a mother or father; sometimes it's a grandparent, an aunt, an older sibling or a great-grandmother.

Most of our families do not have the resources to pay even Gesu's very low tuition, and they struggle to make monthly payments. Many make arrangements to pay smaller amounts each month or request tuition aid. Others are too proud to ask for help and simply fall behind.

Gesu School has placed highest priority on expanding unrestricted scholarship funds to help our struggling families realize their hopes for their children's futures.



YOU can help with a donation of \$5,800 to Sponsor A Child!



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**SPONSOR
A CHILD**
Gesu School Scholarship Program



The Need is Critical. The Return is Priceless.

Roughly 5 out of 10 North Philadelphia students fail to graduate within 4 years of entering high school, but 9 out of 10 Gesu graduates complete high school on time. We need your help to continue offering students a quality education.

- Gesu's stated tuition rate of \$2,100 covers only 35% of the actual cost to educate a child at Gesu. **Even so, 99% of our families require some form of tuition assistance on top of our built-in subsidy.** The Sponsor A Child Program funds scholarships and covers the gap between Gesu's actual costs and the low tuition.
- Full and partial Gesu Scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and family situations. Some scholarships are awarded at the beginning of each school year; however, a growing number of scholarships are awarded throughout the year as changing family situations, crises and emergencies require.
- Sponsored families are encouraged to pay whatever they can, even if it is a very small monthly amount. They are also encouraged to participate in in-house school fundraisers such as candy and pizza sales.
- Gesu School provides students with a quality education at a fraction of the cost incurred by local public and private schools.

Sponsoring a Child

- You or your group can sponsor a child through a gift of \$5,800 — the approximate cost of educating one child for one year at Gesu School. We will match you with a specific child who needs tuition assistance.
- You will receive your child's first name, grade and age. Although the child's family will be informed that the child has received a Gesu Scholarship, the family will not receive any personal information about you.
- At least twice a year we will update you on your sponsored child's activities, interests, challenges, and special achievements.
- Gesu School's biannual Sponsor A Child luncheons will give you the opportunity to meet with your sponsored child in a group setting to work on a project or play a game together.
- Most importantly, you will have the satisfaction of knowing your contribution has made a significant difference for our children in the inner city.



Make an Impact!

Sponsor a child in need for one year with a gift of \$5,800.

Endow a Gesu Sponsor A Child Scholarship with a gift of \$125,000 to make a lasting impact for years to come.

Mobilize a group to share a sponsorship. Shared sponsorships are ideal for churches, civic associations, alumni clubs, families, groups of friends and other organizations that wish to be a force for positive change.

For more information or to make a gift, contact Mike Gondos at 215-763-9077 or mike.gondos@gesuschool.org

Each year that a child is sponsored, the child receives a full or partial Gesu Scholarship based on need. Your gift to Sponsor A Child is an unrestricted scholarship gift that will be used to benefit your sponsored child and all of Gesu School's children.

Your gift is an investment in the FUTURE of our inner-city children, promotes JUSTICE in education, AND offers HOPE for families with limited resources, for successful and productive lives.